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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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This communication constitutes a response by the examiner to the three issues set forth within the Order Returning Undocketed Appeal, mailed March 26, 2003, paper number 25.

With respect to the issue concerning the missing Information Disclosure Statement of November 11, 1999, a conversation with appellants' representative on April 3, 2003 has confirmed that the entry on the file wrapper indicating that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on November 9, 1999 is incorrect. The only Information Disclosure Statements filed within the application are those dated February 4, 2000 and August 23, 2000. These Information Disclosure Statements were considered by the examiner during prosecution of the application.

With respect to the issue concerning the "IDS Letter Citing Application(s)", filed February 3, 2000, paper number 3, the cited application was considered during prosecution of the application. This statement is supported by the fact that an obviousness-type double patenting rejection has been applied to the instant claims in view of 09/436,360. An initialed copy of the letter has been attached to this communication.

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With respect to the issue concerning non-entry of the amendment of February 11, 2002, the amendment has been physically entered.

The application is being forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals for decision on the pending appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to R. Sergent at telephone number (703) 308-2982.

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